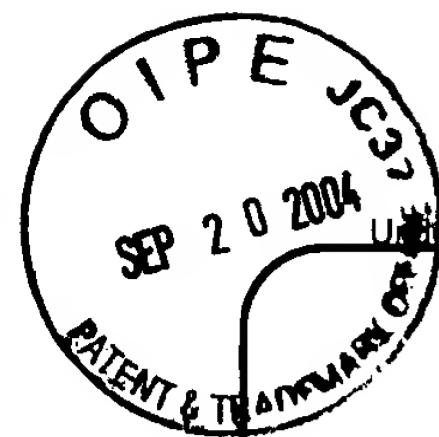


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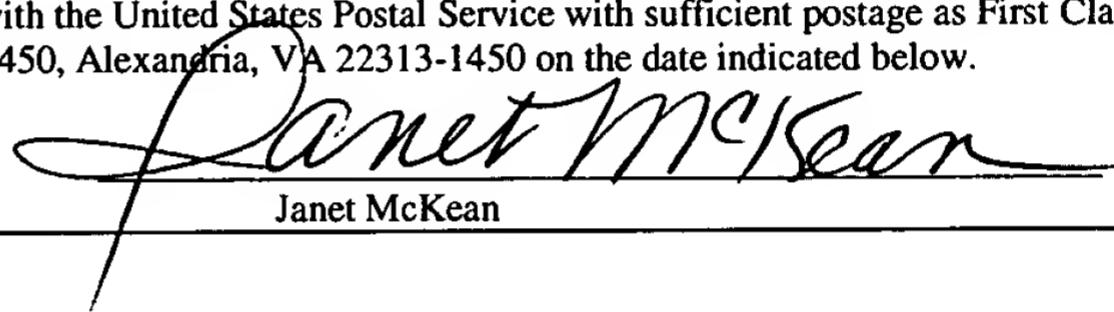
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Office Communication dated May 5, 2004, and is accompanied by a petition for two month extension of time to extend the period of response up to and including October 5, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on *page 2*.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on *page 5* of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on *page 14* of this paper.

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